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1. DURING OUR DISCUSSIONS ON JULY 5, THE FOREIGN MINISTER SPENT SOME TIME IN GIVING ME THE STANDARD PERUVIAN LINE ON THE NEED TO DEFEND "FIVE FRONTS" AS THE REASON FOR THIS COUNTRY'S BUILDUP IN ARMS. HE ALSO SOUNDED THE USUAL REFRAIN ABOUT OUR REFUSAL TO SELL ADVANCED AIRCRAFT AS LEADING TO THE DECISION TO BUY THE SU-22. DE LA PUENTE ALSO NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT HIS PLANE "FRIGHTENED" HIM BECAUSE OF ITS SOPHISTICATION AND OFFENSIVE CAPABILITY. HE THEN REFERRED AS HE HAS BEFORE TO THE NEED FOR ARMS CONTROL IN THE REGION, BUT WITHOUT ADVANCING ANY SPECIFIC IDEAS.

2. WITH REGARD TO THE SOVIETS, THE MINISTER SAID HE WOULD NOT PERMIT THEM TO ESTABLISH A PERMANENT MILITARY MISSION HERE -- ONLY TO SEND TECHNICIANS AS THEY ARE NEEDED. I SAID THAT MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE SOURCE OF SUPPLY IS THE CONTINUING BUILDUP ITSELF. THE GOP SHOULD STOP BUYING ARMS. DE LA PUENTE MADE NO COMMITMENT ON THAT POINT BUT DID AGREE THAT OUR TWO COUNTRIES MIGHT COOPERATE TO PROMOTE THROUGH THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM AN AGREEMENT ON ARMS
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3. COMMENT: MY MILITARY COLLEAGUES HERE DOUBT THAT PERUVIAN ARMED FORCES HAVE ANY REAL INTEREST IN SUCH AN AGREEMENT OR ANY INTENTION TO DO OTHERWISE THAN TO GO ON BUYING WHATEVER ARMS AND EQUIPMENT MAY BE AVAILABLE. THIS COULD WELL BE THE CASE, BUT THERE ARE FORCES AT WORK

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THAT MIGHT BRING A CHANGE. THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT IS SENSITIVE TO POPULAR RESENTMENT OVER AUSTERITY AND WILL PERHAPS COME TO THE POINT OF THINKING TWICE BEFORE RISKING A HOSTILE REACTION TO YET MORE EXPENSIVE ARMS BUYS WHILE EVERYONE ELSE IS TIGHTENING HIS BELT. THE CRITICAL NECESSITY TO KEEP ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE INTERNATIONAL BANKS COULD ALSO BE A FACTOR. I THINK WE SHOULD AT LEAST KEEP PROBING FOR A MORE RECEPTIVE PERUVIAN ATTITUDE. ANY IDEAS THE DEPARTMENT MAY DEVELOP ON WHAT SPECIFIC FORM AN INITIATIVE IN THIS AREA MIGHT TAKE WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO ME AND MY COLLEAGUES.
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